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Ms. Hesse,

I have been active in civic issues and various policy debates throughout my community for some time. When I learned that the courts were asking the public to comment on the Microsoft antitrust trial, I felt strongly about sending you this letter. I have followed the antitrust trial from its start almost four years ago. I have never supported the government's case against Microsoft. Now that the courts have a chance to end this waste of taxpayer money by accepting the settlement, I sincerely hope you will do so.

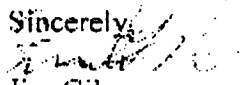
My reasons for not supporting the case against Microsoft are simple-I support free enterprise. It is no mystery that the antitrust trial was started because Microsoft's competitors lobbied President Bill Clinton on the issue. Those competitors didn't have the ability to compete with Microsoft in the market place, so they asked the government to step in and help.

This defies every principle our economy was built on. Our strength comes from an open, competitive market. Superior products evolve and dominate their sector. Those products and their makers lose their top spot when another company creates a better product. Asking the government to step in and place inferior companies at the top is not how this country was built.

I recognize that Microsoft's competitors will argue that Microsoft unfairly abused their position at the top to keep them down. I don't agree with that. Antitrust laws developed seventy-five years ago do not apply to the technology industry of today. Microsoft got maintained their position of supremacy because they continued to develop superior products.

The courts have an opportunity to put an end to a very big mistake. I urge the courts to accept the settlement.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Gibson  
President